

# Babe Ruth Will Go Back to the Woods and the Simple Life Where Only the Oak Trees Fall

## Bambino Hopes to New Way Back to Home-Run Throne

**Plans to Hit Something With Every Swing of the Trusty Ax While His Belt Line and the Forest Near the Old Homestead Fade Together**

By John Kieran  
It's going to be a long, hard winter for the old oak trees up Massachusetts way. G. Herman Ruth, the eminent tragedian and whilom fence buster, is going to lead the simple life on his happy homestead at Sudbury, just two miles north-northeast of Longfellow's Wayside Inn. The Caliph of Crash intends to keep in trim by hewing to the timber line with a double-bitted axe and letting the chips fall where they may over the New England winter scenery. He expects to hit something on every swing.

In vain will the anguished cry arise, "Bambino, spare that tree! Chop not a single chop!" There are seventy-eight acres of woodlot on the old homestead, and many of the tallest specimens of oak, ash, maple, beech, and chestnut are already under sentence of execution. The Babe intends to appear at the spring training camp in a sylph-like form, if he has to chop his way from Sudbury to New Orleans or points further South. He admitted it himself yesterday afternoon at the Yankee headquarters, where he put in an appearance and gave an account of his wanderings with Bob Meusel in their post-season exhibition games. "Believe me," said the Bambino, "that was some trip. We got as far west as Denver and as low down as sleeping all night on the floor of a day coach on a jerkwater railroad that made you think you were always falling down a flight of stairs. We played to pretty fair crowds, but it rained on us in Kansas City and Denver. We played through the rain at that, and 7,000 people took it out to watch us. We played through a snow storm somewhere else."

**Service Anti-De Luxe**  
"Sometimes we got off the train and had to ride fifty or sixty miles by auto to reach some of the towns, and then right out after the game over a range of mountains to make some other connection. The railroad strike of a few months left that country in terrible shape. Some of the engines could only run down hill, and a lot of the cars were running along on square wheels." Ruth and Meusel were the only two major leaguers on the trip. The Babe had a long drive to a town where two semi-professional nines had been summoned to do battle, the Babe taking a job with one of the teams, while the other took the opening group. The Yankee stars played first base for the most part, though Ruth pitched one contest, in which he looked very bad. This impression might have been along by the fact that his right fielder made six errors in one inning, all on fly balls. He tried to catch the ball with everything but his hands, which makes the trick difficult.

Long Bob left for his home in California as soon as the trip was over and G. Herman trekked straight for this city, where he is quartered at the Sinner, preparatory to leaving for Sudbury and the simple life next Tuesday morning. His right hand is bandaged as a result of a scratch that infected the old cut he got on his starboard shoulder while doing his famous act of winging to the bases on his wrists over a year ago. He went to the surgeon yesterday and had the cut opened up and cleaned again. It doesn't seem to hurt him much, however, and he swears that no trifle like that will interfere with his chopping stance or his overlapping grip on the axe handle.

**Still Caste a Shadow**  
The big boy looks to be in fine shape. He weighs about 220 pounds on the hoof, just about the mark he played at all season. Last spring when he jumped on the Toledo scales in Alexander Julius Heinemann's back yard at the Cap Huston, he tipped the beam at 217. This was twenty pounds lighter than his 1921 mark. He could drop a dozen pounds or so this winter and still cast a respectable shadow.

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**109 Letters Awarded Athletes And Managers at Columbia**  
Awards in crew, baseball, track, canoe, golf, tennis, swimming and water polo were announced yesterday by the insignia committee of the Columbia University Athletic Association for spring sports. In all, 109 awards were made to the athletes and managers, with the crew men taking almost half of the insignia handed out. The oarsmen received fifty-four pieces of insignia of all kinds and crew captain-elect Franklin V. Brodli augmented his connection of letters and numerals with a variety "C" with crossed oars.

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# Movie of a Man Reading News of the Hour : : : By BRIGGS

## England Bars Siki-Beckett Bout for Title

**Government Draws Color Line on Ground That Bout Would Arouse Ill Feeling**

By Arthur S. Draper  
Special Cable to The Tribune  
LONDON, Nov. 10.—Rattling Sir Siki-Beckett, champion of England, will not fight Joe Beckett, champion of America, for the title of heavyweight champion of the world here on December 7, as scheduled. The bout was barred to-day by the British Home Office, and the sporting public has not yet recovered from the unexpected official action.

The case of the government is put as follows: "It is the view of the authorities that in contests between white men and black men the temperaments of the contestants are not comparable. Moreover, such contests arouse passions are aroused, such contests considering that there is a large number of colored men in the British Empire, it is considered against the highest national interest and might arouse ill feeling."

**Commercial High Five Scores Fifth Victory**  
By staging a remarkable rally in the last minute and a half of play, the Commercial High School five scored its fifth victory of the season when it defeated the New York Stock Exchange quintet. The game was well played by both teams, the score standing at 10 all at the end of the first half. With but a few seconds to play in the latter part of the game Commercial registered six baskets, winning by 22 to 10.

**French Now Member of Third Corps Eleven**  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 9.—Walter French, former star of the gridders and for the last two seasons sensational West Point halfback, is now an enlisted man in the regular army and stationed in Baltimore.

**N.Y.U. Will Have All Regulars in Shape For C.C.N.Y. Game**  
When New York University meets City College on the University Heights gridiron to-morrow afternoon coach Thorpe will have all his regulars available for service. The two linemen, Bonforte and Rosenberg, both playing in the guard position, will be fully recovered from the injuries they received in the Trinity game. Thorpe expects a hard battle with the Lavender eleven, as Joe Neville, football star at City College, has pointed his team all season to this contest with the Violet aggregation.

**City College Backfield Problem Is Solved**  
Practice for the City College football squad yesterday was the lightest of the week. A short scrimmage, however, was included in the day's activities. The varsity was put on the defensive side of the entire session. The latter were unsuccessful in penetrating the first team's defense.

**Palmer Boxes To-night**  
Andy ("Kid") Palmer, who recently scored victories over Panama Joe Gans and Italian Joe Gans, will swing into action at the Frank Sporting Club, Brooklyn, to-night.

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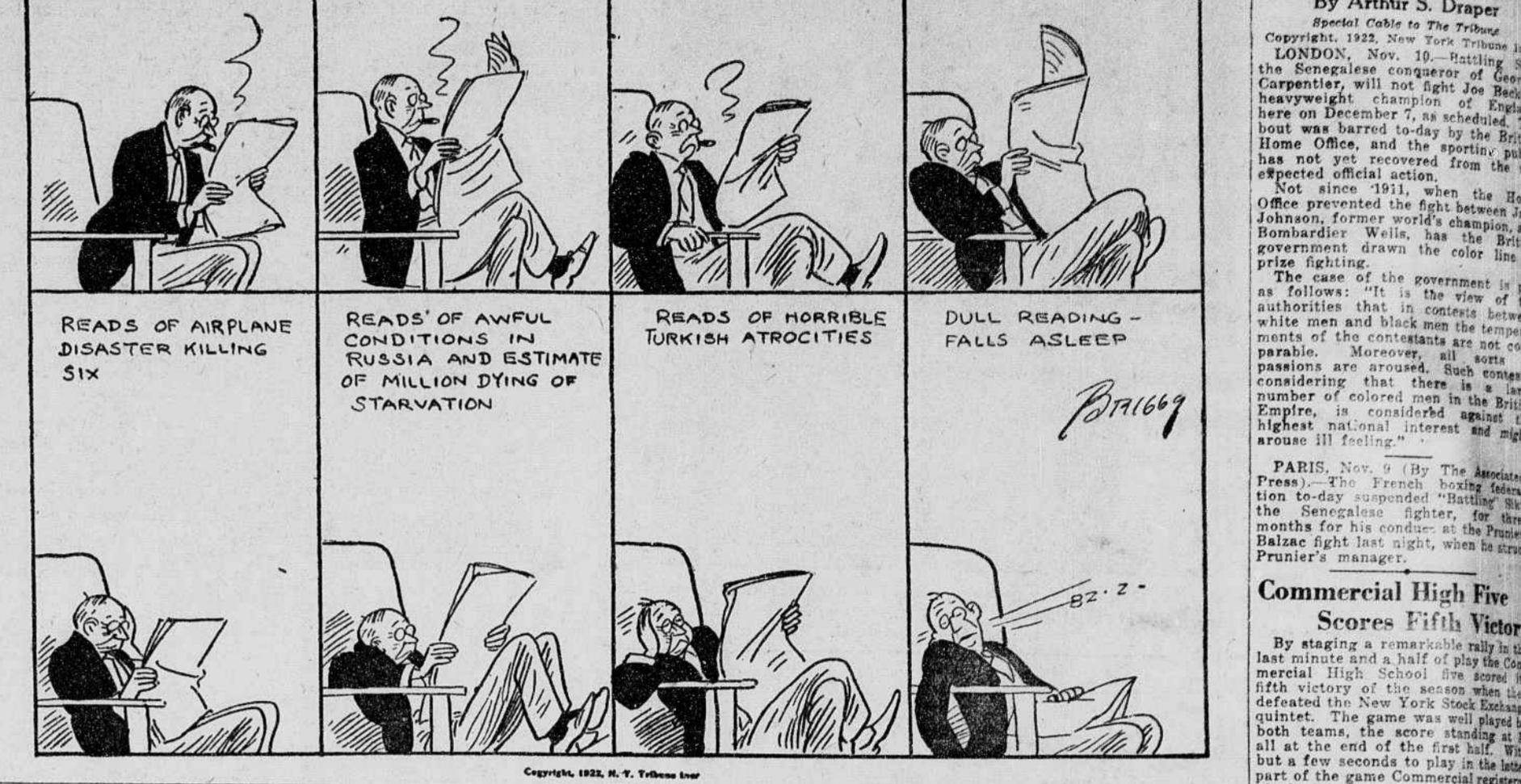
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# The SPORTLIGHT

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**November 10, 1918**  
(The Doughboy Speaks)

*We could hear the gray winds whisper  
Through each tangled wood and glen,  
"If you only live till morning  
You will soon be home again;  
If you only live till morning  
You will find the ancient glow  
Where the friendly rivers wander  
By the hills you used to know."*

*We could hear the gray winds calling  
As the H. E. ripped the loom:  
"If you only live till morning  
You will find the aches of home,  
You will hear again the voices  
Of the clan you know so well;  
If you only live till morning  
You will soon be out of hell."*

*"One more day of wreck and terror,  
One more night of death and pain;  
One more dawn in muddy trenches  
Through the shell blast and the rain.  
Then it's through with pack and rifle  
And the long hike through the glen.  
If you only live till morning  
You will soon be home again."*

In passing judgment upon football consider this—the average football player rarely gets the chance to play in as many as twenty games in his college career, and he is through at the age where most other competitors are just getting started. The wonder is, under these limitations, that there are so many stars.

**The Big Uncertainty**  
"Isn't modern football," writes a correspondent, "just as uncertain as a baseball game? Isn't it possible now for one football team to lose to another on a certain day where the losing team would be able to win four games out of five?"

In a competition where an egg-shaped ball must be thrown and caught the break of luck may mean a difference of two touchdowns. A weaker team with the right break might easily beat a machine that was two touchdowns stronger.

No better proof of this could be found in the fact that Georgia Tech completely crushed Alabama by more than 30 points; the Navy outclassed Georgia Tech; Penn beat the Navy, and then Alabama beat Penn.

All of which adds its share to the autumnal gayety. Harvard on form looks stronger than Princeton. But the margin isn't great enough to leave any result approaching certainty. Princeton could win without any vast upset—any upset approaching Penn's victory over the Navy or Alabama's victory over Penn. The football spectator and player to-day never knows at just what moment the sudden shock may twist the tide of battle from its expected course.

Between the hours of 2 and 4 to-morrow afternoon West Point will be willing to pay a large rental for the Verdun slogan, i. e., "They shall not pass."

Notre Dame's attack is more like a modern war offensive than anything we have ever seen. The infantry is there to strike through the line, with the air fleet above busy bombing holes in the rival defense. If the defense falls back to meet the air attack, the air fleet carries the day. If the defense stays up to meet the line attack, the infantry keeps marching on.

From the days of Salmon, the big line plunger, Notre Dame has put one ground-gaining star after another into action. After several notables came Dorais and Rockne, then Gipp, then Mohardt, Anderson and Kiley—and now it is Castner, one of the greatest of the lot.

George Owen and Charley Buell, concluding their final season, have yet to feel the glow of a winning Tiger hunt. Under these conditions their activities on Saturday are quite sure to be marked. Last fall Harvard had the ball on Princeton's four-yard line, when Owen was removed with a Charley horse. "That's the shortest putt they'll ever have for this match," remarked Walter Camp, and when the last stroke failed to find the hole it all worked out precisely in line with the Camp prediction.

"How are you going to dope a team," writes A. H. G., "that beats the Navy one week and loses to Alabama the next?" We've considered that startling snarl more than once.

When the Navy, Lafayette, Penn State and Nebraska can all be trimmed within a week, in the bright lexicon of football lore there is no such word as Invincible.

The surest combination to date is Cornell, Dobie and Kaw. They have come as close to invincibility this season as anything in sight.

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